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Dear sir,

Please find attached the Liberal Democrats response to your draft proposals.

Regards,

Nigel Whitburn

Attached Documents:

- canterbury-re-warding-2024-draft---lib-dem-response.docx



Canterbury City Council Re-warding 2023/24

Response to LGBCE Draft Proposals – February 2024

Canterbury & Coastal Liberal Democrats welcome the Draft Proposals of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Given that the proposals for the Northwest, Canterbury & Blean and South & East areas are based on our initial proposals it would be weird to do other and we have only a couple of minor comments to make on these areas.

1: In Paragraph 48 you state that you have amended the boundary between Gorrell and Chestfield wards. In fact that boundary is between Gorrell and Tankerton wards.

2: In Paragraph 112 you ask for a more suitable name for the proposed Northgate ward. We do not have a strong view on the matter, but suggest "Vauxhall" which identifies the important retail and industrial area of the ward. Sturry Road is the major road in the ward, but using that as the name would be too similar to Sturry Ward.

We therefore do not propose any changes to your proposed boundaries in these areas. We positively welcome the proposed names for Blean Woods, Chestfield & South Tankerton and Chartham, Thanington & Stone Street wards.

Your proposals differ significantly from ours in the Northeast, Herne & Sturry area. We did feel that this was the least satisfactory part of our submission and the fact that you are now proposing an additional councillor in this area allows for a much more satisfactory arrangement. We welcome this, recognising that there is no perfect solution for this area and do not propose any amendments to your proposals.

Finally, we are very happy that no proposed wards are split across the new Westminster parliamentary boundaries.

Nigel Whitburn

Agent, Canterbury & Coastal Liberal Democrats